

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	517



Location Lexington

Address 3 Plainfield Street

Historic Name Rufus Wellington

House Holbrook House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date between 1894 and 1898

Source map, directory research

Style Colonial Revival  
Shingle Style/Queen Anne

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric shingles

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

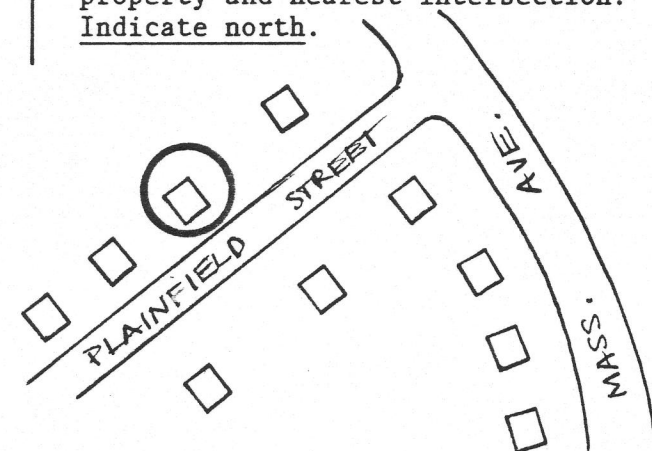
Approx. acreage 12291 ft.<sup>2</sup>

Setting Short residential street

developed in the early twentieth century.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This is one of relatively few substantial houses built in the late nineteenth century in East Lexington, which did not share the suburban development experienced by Lexington Center then. Shingle Style in massing, it is embellished with a few decorative features including a porch with balustrade above with finials, and a lunette and oriel window.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The house was built by Rufus Wellington Holbrook (b. 1830, d. 1898), shortly before his death, on land purchased from the Pierce family. Holbrook was in the milk and grocery business and from before 1875 until after 1906 a grocery store under his name was operated in the brick store on Massachusetts Avenue opposite Pleasant Street. Holbrook was a selectman from 1889 to 1893 and a member of the N.E. Associated California Pioneers of 1849.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

1853 map

1875 atlas

1889 atlas

1898 atlas

1906 atlas